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# News

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## STEP TO THE BEAT WITH THE 2004 SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT ALL SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Art, **MUSIC**, **DANCE**, and Drama will take center stage this summer in public libraries across South Carolina with the **STEP TO THE BEAT... READ!** Summer Reading Program.

**STEP TO THE BEAT... READ!** will debut in public libraries in late May or early June. Children across the state will be able to earn certificates, reading medals, and other prizes by reading during the summer vacation. In addition, public libraries will offer a variety of special programs for children throughout the summer. **THE ROCK-n-READ TOUR** is the theme for the teen program.

In 2001, the South Carolina State Library began working with the Georgia Public Library Service to use the same theme and materials. Mississippi and Alabama joined us in 2003, and in 2004 we welcome Virginia into the joint program. Each state accepts responsibility for one facet of the program's preparation. One of the benefits of the joint program has been attracting children's book illustrators as summer reading program artists. This year's summer reading artist is Peter Catalanotto.

In 2003, over 82,000 children and teens participated in public library summer reading programs across the state and more than 31,000 of them finished the program and received reading medals and other prizes. They borrowed more than 1,120,000 books from local libraries.

PLAYING AT A LIBRARY NEAR YOU  
**THE ROCK-N-READ TOUR**  
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For more information about the Summer Reading Program, please contact Jane Connor, Children's/Youth Services Consultant, at 803-734-8658 or [janec@leo.scsli.state.sc.us](mailto:janec@leo.scsli.state.sc.us)

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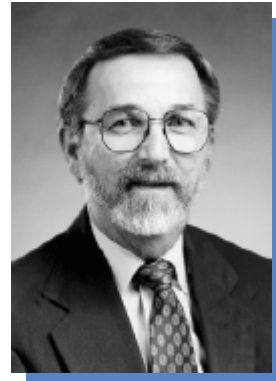
## James B. Johnson, Jr.

By the time you read this, the state budget and state agency restructuring will be part of the history of the 115<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. At this writing, there is no clear picture how either of these issues will affect the State Library and the citizens and libraries we serve.

I have been encouraged by the increased participation of South Carolina's librarians and library supporters in the legislative process at all levels. We've had good success so far this Legislative Session with grassroots activity. Decision makers respond to public support of issues.

This is an election year. While most of the discussion to date has surrounded the presidential race, many state and local elective offices will be decided as well, including all seats in the State Senate and House of Representatives. This is an excellent time to inform the candidates of the needs of our libraries. Invite them to your library for a tour or to attend a program. It will be easier to convince the new legislators of your budgetary needs after the election if they understand the services you provide.

We will more than likely be in tight budget times for the next several years, but when "good times" return, we want the needs of the libraries to be in the forefront. We must continue to lay the groundwork for increased funding. Let's commit to staying focused and enthusiastic about our grassroots activities. Your efforts will not go unnoticed.



State Library Director Jim Johnson and CE Coordinator Deborah Hotchkiss celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss. (Seuss hats provided by the Spartanburg County Library)

## Celebrating 100 Years of Dr. Seuss, the "Seussentennial"

2004 marks the 100th birthday of Theodore Geisel, otherwise known to his legions of fans as Dr. Seuss, author of some of our most beloved books for children.

Theodore Geisel earned his living as a cartoonist and illustrator in the advertising world before publishing his first children's book, *And to Think that I Saw it on Mulberry Street*, in 1937. During World War II, Geisel joined the war effort, making films in Frank Capra's Signal Corps (U.S. Army). After the war, he returned to creating great children's literature and in 1957 he published the works that would turn him into an icon: *The Cat in the Hat* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. During his career, Dr. Seuss created 48 of the most memorable books for children. He died in 1991 at the age of 87.

South Carolina's libraries and schools have been a part of "Seussentennial", hosting special events, particularly on March 2, Geisel's actual birthday. The Charleston County Library had local celebrities pick their favorite Seuss books and read them to children. James Island Elementary School turned their daily morning news program into SEUSS TV. The Burton-Pack Elementary School served green eggs and ham for breakfast. Coastal Carolina University's Education Club hosted a birthday party for local children with the Cat in the Hat as guest of honor.

"Seussentennial" is a yearlong celebration of Dr. Seuss. For more information, visit <http://www.seussville.com/seussentennial/intro.html>. To learn more about the life of this great author, search for him in *Biography Resource Center*, one of the many databases available in DISCUS, South Carolina's Virtual Library.



# Library Supporters Strive for a Better Future at Library Legislative Day 2004

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Doubling lottery funds from \$1.5 to \$3.0 million dollars while maintaining state aid at \$1.00 per capita proved to be the focus of passionate discussions between library supporters and legislators at the recent Library Legislative Day Luncheon in Columbia. This annual event, sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators (APLA), occurred on March 10, 2004 at the Adams Mark Hotel, and over 250 citizens and 73 legislators attended.

After introductions by Todd Stephens and before the arrival of the legislators, State Librarian Jim Johnson summarized the key concerns:

- State aid to public libraries, cut 50% since 2001, has regressed 30 years, declining to the levels of the 1970's
- South Carolina now ranks only 42nd nationwide in such state aid
- If we fail to hold the line at \$1.00 per capita, then state aid will fall another 10% in Fiscal Year 2005 to just 80 cents per capita

To justify the doubling of lottery funds for library technology, Jim Johnson cited these facts:

- There exists tremendous demand for computers in public libraries
- An average of more than 121,500 South Carolinians use the Internet weekly in their public libraries
- Usage of computers in SC's public libraries has more than doubled since 2001

Volunteers from the Lexington County Library, the Friends of South Carolina Libraries, and the University of South Carolina's School of Library and Information Science helped decorate the dining room and staff the registration tables and then greeted legislators

when they arrived. Public library directors and State Library staff also welcomed Senators and Representatives and ushered them across the wide reception areas of the Adam's Mark Hotel.

"In this new place," said Todd Stephens, "we had plenty of space to mingle with political leaders and to convince them of the merits of our case." The hotel was an easy walk for legislators as they rushed in from intense budgetary meetings. The extended time of the lunch, two hours rather than 1.5 hours, enabled a record number of Senators to attend with 29 present compared to only 9 in 2002. Nevertheless, there were fewer Representatives due to difficulties in leaving deliberations at the Capitol building with only 44 present compared to 67 in 2002.

Based on the clarity of the message, the focus of supporters, the good attendance, and the problem-free event, the Library Legislative Day Luncheon can be deemed an overall success, evidenced by library supporters' increased energy, optimism, and knowledge. "This dinner was held in new quarters, on a new date, at a new time, and with a lot of new help, and yet it still succeeded splendidly," said APLA President Todd Stephens. The luncheon marks the culmination of a new legislative effort instituted by APLA during the past year. "I think that our new coordinated monthly plan for contacting our legislators will pay great dividends in the future," added Stephens. "This year was our trial run. Just watch our smoke when we get our engine completely fired up! It will be full steam ahead."

Special thanks are due to Deborah Hotchkiss and Jim Johnson of the State Library, Dee Bedenbaugh of the Lexington County Library, Dan Barron and Gerri Corson of the Library School, and many Friends, supporters, directors, and staff.





## DISCUS K-12 Site Gets “Thumbs Up” from Users



The DISCUS K-12 Users site gives school users a variety of paths to the best database for their needs. Feedback on the site has been extremely positive since its launch in January.

The K-12 Users page also serves as a navigation guide and DISCUS training tool for public and college library staff who are encouraged to explore the new site at: [www.scdiscus.org/school.html](http://www.scdiscus.org/school.html).

The site can help new staff become familiar with the subjects covered in each DISCUS database as well as the targeted grade level for each.

Perhaps the most helpful page for all South Carolina library staff is found by clicking the “Search Tips” tab. Here users are guided to databases by the type of content and special features. Not sure which database contains maps, pictures or timelines? Look on the “Search Tips” page. Need help determining where to look in DISCUS to find book reviews, teacher lesson plans or scholarly journal articles? Just visit the “Search Tips” page.

The DISCUS Office welcomes feedback on the site, including suggestions about needed search tips to add to the page.

***“I like the new face of DISCUS.  
It is easier for students to use.”***

***“The new DISCUS site is terrific!  
I find it much easier to navigate  
to the source I want.”***



For more information about DISCUS, visit the DISCUS web site: <http://www.scdiscus.org> or contact: Mary Bull, DISCUS Project Director, (803) 737-7736 or email: [mary@leo.scsli.state.sc.us](mailto:mary@leo.scsli.state.sc.us)





# Including Youth With Disabilities In Library Programs

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Public libraries offer a broad range of programs and services for young children, but few include components for youth with disabilities. Nevertheless, they too should be encouraged to take advantage of regular library programming. The needs of youth with disabilities may require adjustments, but essentially they are the same as those of other youth.

Attitude is usually the biggest barrier to inclusion. Staff must learn to focus on abilities and potential, not differences and limitations. This may require that staff receive disability awareness training. Such may be available through community, state, or local governmental organizations/agencies that serve people with disabilities. Sometimes contacts to obtain this type of training result in an added bonus for libraries, the development of new partnerships.

Opportunities abound for development of effective partnerships. Libraries should consider partnering with schools and other organizations to identify parent groups that provide support to people raising children with disabilities. These parent groups can be invited to share information about their organization and offer feedback on library programs and services most useful to their children. Additionally, partnerships can serve to promote and develop an awareness of people with disabilities among library staffs.

Summer months and summer reading programs provide the perfect opportunity for libraries to begin to focus on programming for youth with disabilities. For instance:

- Develop a core collection of specialized materials for teens with low reading levels
- Schedule toddler story times for children with special needs and their parents and include the use of materials such as disability puppets in more traditional story times
- Develop a resource package that includes lists for children's fiction, nonfiction, and video resources dealing with disabilities of all types or provide web site resources for disability awareness

Book talks, guest speakers/forums, displays and activities all can have components that include opportunities for participation by and topics of interest for youth with disabilities. For example, a library in Washington state incorporated the following into their programming:

- A blind teenager presented a book talk with a slate and stylus (commonly used by blind individuals to 'write' Braille for personal use), and not only showed how to use it, but also let each participant write their names in Braille.
- Youths in wheelchairs talked about their chair and showed audiences the extent of their capabilities.
- Kids from a local 4-H club that raise guide-dog puppies brought some of the puppies they were training and talked about the process and why the dogs need to learn certain things.
- People with disabilities and their service animals showed what a mature dog-human team looks like in action.

Lastly, in addition to the local library summer reading program, youth with visual and/or physical disabilities should be invited to participate in the State Library's Talking Book Services (TBS) summer reading program. Cassette and Braille books are available to be sent to these children/teens. Youth wanting to participate, if not already registered for TBS services, may be registered by submitting a completed TBS application. Once registered, they too are eligible for the TBS summer reading prizes. The grand prize winner receives a portable 4-track talking book player.

Inform your community of the resources available to youth with reading disabilities and to blind/visually-impaired youth through their local library in partnership with the South Carolina State Library. Public libraries with an interest in displaying a set of talking books with a talking book player and/or a stand up promotional poster may contact TBS at 800-922-7818 or email [lbphbooks@leo.scsli.state.sc.us](mailto:lbphbooks@leo.scsli.state.sc.us). The TBS web site and a link to the TBS online catalog are at [www.statelibrary.sc.gov/bph](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/bph).



# 2003 Notable Documents Announced

The South Carolina State Library named the most notable state government documents of 2003 at a ceremony on March 16, Freedom of Information Day and the birthday of President James Madison, an early proponent of citizen access to government information. "As we celebrate Freedom of Information Day, I salute South Carolina state agencies that continue to make their information available to the public," said State Library Director Jim Johnson at the awards ceremony. Three judges from state documents depository libraries selected the winners from items received last year at the State Library. The winners are:

*Charting a course for South Carolina's future.* Governor's Commission on Management, Accountability and Performance. Available online at:

<http://www.mapcommission.sc.gov/reports.htm>

*Criminal victimization trends in South Carolina*, edited by Rob McManus. South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, Statistical Analysis Center. Available online at:

<http://www.scdps.org/ojp/statistics/Criminal%20Victimization%20Trends.pdf>

*Family literacy strategies: first steps to academic success*, by Dolores A. Stegelin. Clemson University, National Dropout Prevention Center.

*Pathways to evaluation of community-based programs: guidance from the CENTERED Project's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel.* South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, Bureau of Epidemiology. Available online at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/hs/epidata/centered/pathways.htm>

*Paying for government in South Carolina: a citizen's guide*, by Holley Hewitt Ulbrich and Ada Louise Steirer. Clemson University, Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs. Available online at:

<http://www.strom.clemson.edu/publications/ulbrich/tax-guide.pdf>

*School district organization in South Carolina: evaluating performance and fiscal efficiency.* Miley & Associates, Inc. for the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. Available online at:

<http://www.state.sc.us/eoc/PDF/MileyReportFinalDraft010903A.doc.doc>

*South Carolina government: a policy perspective*, edited by Charlie B. Tyer. University of South Carolina, Institute for Public Service and Policy Research.

*South Carolina governor: the emergence of an institution*, by Luther F. Carter and Richard D. Young. University of South Carolina, Institute for Public Service and Policy Research.

*South Carolina teen pregnancy data book, 1991-2001.* South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Public Health Statistics and Information Services, Division of Biostatistics and Health GIS. Available online at:

[http://www.scdhec.net/co/phsis/biostatistics/an\\_pubs/2001%20Teen%20Preg.pdf](http://www.scdhec.net/co/phsis/biostatistics/an_pubs/2001%20Teen%20Preg.pdf)

Web site:

**Discover South Carolina:** the official tourism website of South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism:

<http://www.discoversouthcarolina.com/>



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The **Richland County Public Library** has added an online directory of local clubs and organizations to its Web site. The directory provides contact information for each club or organization and patrons can search by individual club or organization name or by subject. Subject headings include Advocacy; Business and Trade; Health and Medical; Military; Senior Citizens; Support Groups and others. Access the directory at [www.richland.lib.sc.us/organizations](http://www.richland.lib.sc.us/organizations).

The **Anderson County Library System** opened its new branch in Belton in early April. Following a 14-month construction phase, the 6,700 square foot library replaced the 1,500 square-foot space the library shared with the town's depot building. Total cost of the project was \$940,000. According to library director Carl Stone, the new library will be able to hold 27,000 books, along with an expanded collection of A-V materials. There are two tutoring rooms, workstations for 10 computers, and a 50-seat meeting room. The meeting room is named in honor of The Friends of the Anderson County Library, which donated over \$13,000 to purchase state-of-the-art presentation equipment for the room. Over the past two years, the Friends has also contributed \$10,000 for the purchase of new computers and additional audiobooks for the library system's eight branches, as well as more than \$9,000 to update the audio book collection at the Main Library.

The **South Caroliniana Library at USC** has received a number of new manuscripts and photographs for the collection about the Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina and Georgia. These private, community-based libraries were in operation from 1931 to the mid-1970s, to provide book collections for rural African-American communities during the segregation era. The first library was established at the Plum Branch community in Saluda County, South Carolina, by a white textile worker, Willie Lee Buffington, who later became a college professor and Methodist minister. He was largely motivated by the deep respect he had developed for a black school teacher, Euriah Simpkins, whom he had known since childhood. Through Buffington's letter-writing campaign and appeals for donations, over 100 small libraries were constructed in South Carolina and Georgia.

**Grants.gov**, a new federal web site, includes information about more than 800 available grant programs from all 26 federal grant-making agencies. The site, [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), provides information on each grant, a "Getting Started" guide, searchable content, and application packets for 5 participating agencies. Application packets will be added for other agencies in the coming months.

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## Garrison Keillor Charms the Crowd at Florence County Library Fundraiser

Garrison Keillor brought his Rhubarb Tour to the Florence County Civic Center on February 11, 2004, a performance fundraiser for the Florence County Library. The library, and particularly its new headquarters building, figured prominently in several stories throughout the evening.

Keillor spent three hours on stage, telling stories and singing songs, with the humor that has made his live radio show "A Prairie Home Companion" a success since its beginning in 1974. Keillor also brought several guests including renowned bluegrass musician and vocalist Sam Bush as well as voice artist Fred Newman.

The evening was a great success for the library, raising \$30,000 for the new library's collection. One attendee said, "What a great opening act for our new library." The new headquarters is scheduled to open in June 2004. For more information, please call the Florence County Library at (843) 662-8424.



# Grants Available for Organizations that Preserve Historic Records

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has awarded \$100,000 to the SC State Historical Records Advisory Board (SC SHRAB) to conduct a regrant project for South Carolina's local governments, historical records repositories (e.g., historical societies, colleges and universities, museums, public libraries, and churches) and professional organizations. The SC SHRAB will make grants to institutions and organizations on a competitive basis. The following are the regrant project funding priorities addressing key areas of the Board's state plan:

- Preservation of and access to historically significant records
- Archival education and training for records custodians
- Archives program development and enhancement

There will be two funding cycles, with the following application deadlines:

## **September 17, 2004 (for projects beginning after January 1, 2005)**

(Note: letter of intent is required by June 30, 2004, and a draft application is due by August 9, 2004.)

-AND-

## **June 18, 2005 (for projects beginning after October 1, 2005)**

Regrant Project information, including contact names and numbers, application guidelines, and application form, is available on the SC SHRAB website: <http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab/regrantmain0406.htm> There will be updates to the site throughout the project. Application workshops are being planned for May.

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